

**Sustainable Natural Resource Funding
Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

**Story CCB/McFarland Park – Ames, IA
1:00pm-4:00pm November 16, 2007**

Committee members present:

Mark	Ackelson	Present	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Dan	Cohen	Present	IACCB
Dick	Dearden	Absent	IA Senate-Democrat
Barbara	Finch	Absent	Iowa Farm Bureau
Jon	Kruse	Ryan Heiniger, Proxy	Ducks Unlimited
Rich	Leopold	Ken Herring, Proxy	IA Dept of Natural Resources
Lola	Lopes	Jennifer Filipiak, Proxy	The Nature Conservancy
Mary	Lundby	Present	Iowa Senate - Republican
Pauline	Novotny	Present	Izaak Walton League of Iowa
Jane	Clark	Present	Sierra Club
Marian	Riggs-Gelb	Absent	Iowa Environmental Council
Henry	Rayhons	Present	Iowa House of Representatives-Republican
Deb	Ryun	Absent	Conservation Districts of Iowa
Marvin	Shirley	Present	Farmers Union
Ken	Tow	Present	Secretary of Agriculture
Dave	Van Waus	Absent	Pheasants Forever
John	Whitaker	Absent	IA House of Representatives-Democrat
tbd		Absent	Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

Committee Support Staff

Kim	Rasler	IA DNR / SF Support
Diane	Ford-Shivvers	IA DNR / SF Support
Doug	Harr	IA DNR / SF Support
Peter	Fritzell	IA DNR / SF Support

Public present:

Deb	Kozel	LSA
Duane	Sand	INHF

WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, INTRODUCTIONS – KEN HERRING

Ken welcomed the committee to the meeting and introductions were made.

INTERIM COMMITTEE (IC) REVIEW AND UPDATE – KEN HERRING

The committee (SFC) discussed the 11/1/07-11/02/07 SF Interim Committee (IC) meetings held. Overall, committee members felt the meetings went well. The peer panel was able to share first-hand experience and all peers reinforced the urgency and need for the financial commitment to

natural resources - the benefits are far reaching from societal to economic. The IC asked good questions and had valuable suggestions and input regarding the aspects of sustainable natural resource funding for Iowa.

The SFC discussed assisting the IC in their work and decision making as they need and request. The SFC also discussed and reiterated their position in supporting the \$150 million for Iowa's natural resources and a consensus to support the IC in their decision. They will also work to inform their respective organizations and outreach to other groups for support in this unity of purpose.

With the work of the IC coming to a close, the SFC discussed the remaining work of their role. The SFC determined it may be time for the SF Coalition to begin preparing for a campaign. The strategy in the campaign will be determined by the decisions the IC makes and recommends to the Legislative Council. The most expeditious possibility of passing a constitutionally protected bill would be to have it pass in identical form through 2/3rd of this session and 2/3rd in 2009 session and then it can be put on a ballot after that. Historically, more successful ballots are achieved during general elections which usually engage more voters. It was recommended that any language be proposed by the first of March 2008 following the session calendar. Tom Abello, TNC, and Ryan Heiniger provided insight into the process of a successful campaign. To get a better understanding of what this entails, TNC and Action Media will be asked to present at the next SFC meeting.

The SFC outlined a general plan of tasks to proceed with this effort which will be expanded on at the next SFC meeting with the guidance of the presentations.

NEXT MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, 12/19/07, 11a-3p.

Location: tbd